

BEST AVAILABLE COPY**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1. (Previously Presented) A protective covering for a polymeric substrate comprising at least a two-layer coating build-up wherein the first coating comprises a two-component polyurethane adhesion promoter (primer) containing alkoxysilyl groups and the second coating comprises an inorganic or an inorganic-organic hybrid coating, wherein the polymeric substrate comprises a polycarbonate.

Claim 2. (Original) The protective covering of Claim 1 wherein the two-component polyurethane adhesion promoter comprises

- I) a hardener component (A), comprising an addition product of at least one organic polyisocyanate (B) with an average NCO functionality of 2.5 to 5.0 and an isocyanate content of 8 to 27 wt.% and an alkoxy silane (C) with at least one group which is reactive towards isocyanate groups, of formula (I)



in which

- Q represents an isocyanate-reactive group,
Z represents a linear or branched C₁-C₁₂-alkylene group,
X represents a hydrolyzable group,
Y represents identical or different C₁-C₄-alkyl groups, and
a represents an integer from 1 to 3,
and
II) a paint resin (D) which is reactive towards isocyanate groups.

Claim 3. (Previously Presented) The protective covering of Claim 2 wherein Q

represents OH, SH or NHR_1 , wherein R_1 represents a C_1 - C_{12} -alkyl group, a C_6 - C_{20} -aryl group or $-\text{Z}-\text{SiX}_a\text{Y}_{3-a}$.

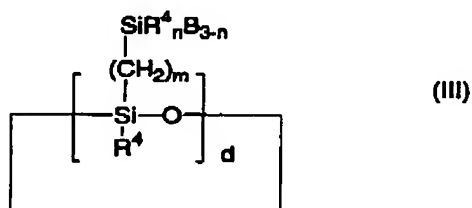
Claim 4. (Previously Presented) The protective covering of Claim 2 wherein
Z represents a linear or branched C_1 - C_4 -alkylene group.

Claim 5. (Previously Presented) The protective covering of Claim 2 wherein
X represents a C_1 - C_4 -alkoxy.

Claim 6. (Original) The protective covering of Claim 1 wherein the second coating comprises an inorganic coating.

Claim 7. (Original) The protective covering of Claim 1 wherein the second coating comprises an organically modified inorganic coating.

Claim 8. (Original) The protective covering of Claim 7 wherein the organically modified coating comprises at least one multifunctional, cyclic carbosiloxane of the general formula (III)



In which

- R^4 independently of one another represents a C_1 - C_{18} -alkyl group and/or a C_6 - C_{20} -aryl group, wherein
- B represents a radical chosen from the group consisting of OH, C_1 - C_4 -alkoxy, C_6 - C_{20} -aryloxy and C_1 - C_6 -acyloxy, preferably OH, methoxy or ethoxy,
- d is 3 to 6,

n is 0 to 2 and
m is 2 to 6,
and/or a (partial) condensation product thereof.

Claim 9. (Original) The protective covering of Claim 8 wherein B represents OH, methoxy, or ethoxy.

Claim 10. (Currently Amended) A process for the production of a protective covering comprising applying in a first step a two-component polyurethane adhesion promoter (primer) containing alkoxysilyl groups and applying in a second step an inorganic or ~~organic coating or~~ inorganic-organic hybrid coating to a substrate.

Claim 11. (Original) The process of Claim 10 further comprising applying in a further step a third coating on the substrate.

Claim 12. (Original) The process of Claim 10 wherein the substrate comprises a metal, a glass, or a polymer.

Claim 13. (Original) The process of Claim 10 wherein the substrate comprises polycarbonate, polymethyl methacrylate, polystyrene, polyvinyl chloride, polyvinylcyclohexane and copolymers thereof, polyimide, ABS or blends thereof.

Claim 14. (Original) A substrate comprising at least one protective covering of Claim 1.

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